

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

December 4, 2020



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Rachel Florey	Brian	Bill Moldwin
Joe Jackson	Regina Mueller	Johnny
Richard	David Donnelly	Christopher Miller
June Parker	Brian Young	Trish Sarvela Leiva
Alexis Marsh	Robin Hartford	Brennan McGinnis
Paul Simeone	Pat Quinn	Patricia Jolou
John Duane	Rhonda Tibbetts	Ruth Avery
Jim Hansgate	Charlotte McNeil	Janice Potter
Ron Rakowsky	Isla Rose Kelley	Norma Duane
Pam McKay	June Carins	Dave Weber
Peter Kindem	Steven Greene	Joan LeDuc

WELCOME PASTOR ERIC WOLF!



As you are hopefully aware, The Rev'd Eric Wolf was Called by St. John as our Pastor last Sunday at the Congregational Meeting. He will begin his duties on Saturday, December 12.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Pastor Eric, his wife Lauren and daughter Willo to St. John!
Stay safe and well!

Earl

ON-CALL PASTOR

Thank you to the Rev'd Barbara Smith-Moran who will continue to be our "on-call pastor" until December 12. She is available for emergencies at 617-791-7919

DECEMBER 8TH BOOK DISCUSSION - *DEAR CHURCH: A LOVE LETTER FROM A BLACK PREACHER TO THE WHITEST DENOMINATION IN THE US* BY LENNY DUNCAN

St. John and Trinity Lutheran in Worcester are hosting a book discussion on *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan, a black ELCA pastor calling for action towards racial justice from the whitest Christian denomination in the US. Join us via the St. John Zoom on Tuesday December 8th at 7:00 pm to discuss the book and get to know our partners at Trinity to brainstorm more action steps for racial justice in our community.

Dear Church is available to purchase as a paperback or audio book on Amazon! You can also check out your local library or a local bookstore to rent or purchase! Contact Maddy LaCure for more information.

COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH IS BEING SPONSORED
BY THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM.

Please join them for Coffee Hour to learn more about online giving options at St. John. Bring your coffee and questions!



ZOOM Meeting Login information

<https://zoom.us/j/9784438350>

Meeting ID: 978 443 8350

(or call in 1-312-626-6799)

the password is 8350.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Holiday Gift Card Drive - Thank you to everyone who donated to the gift card drive. With your donations, combined with Outreach funds, we were able to provide a gift card to every family in the Maynard Backpack Program and contribute to the hopeSudbury Holiday Gift Drive. Both organizations were incredibly appreciative of our support.

ELCA God's Global Barnyard/Good Gifts - Outreach wanted to remind everyone about the ELCA's God's Global Barnyard/Good Gifts opportunity which we normally fundraise for churchwide! We encourage you to donate as you are able for a good gift this year! Outreach will be contributing \$500 this holiday season.

Learn more at <https://goodgifts.elca.org/> and <https://goodgifts.elca.org/gods-global-barnyard>. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love. Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact. The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

We will still order poinsettias this year. You may order and pick them up at church around Dec. 18th or order a plant and it will be delivered to one of our homebound seniors.

A list will be published in the newsletter of those plants that were given in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Contact the church office to order!



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are available to watch at
our YouTube channel.

Find us at:
St John Lutheran Sudbury.



Check us out!
[@stjohnsudbury](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsudbury)

ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO BOOK CLUB FOR DEC 8th and 15th

Please join us!!!

We will have ZOOM book club meeting on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 11:00 AM for just a get together to discuss prior books read and new books to read.

On December 15th, we will discuss "The Nature of the Beast: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel", Louise Penny.

If you do not receive a ZOOM invitation email prior to the meeting time, please contact Jan Nielsen at jrnielsen@charter.net or 978-549-3044. And, if you need help connecting to the ZOOM meeting, let Jan know; she will help you.

Next books:

December 15, 2020, "The Nature of the Beast: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel", Louise Penny

January 19, 2021, "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

February 16, 2021, "The War Before the War" by Andrew Delbanco

March 16, 2021, "When We Left Cuba" by Chanel Cleeton



All Meeting are held via ZOOM
Call church office if you are having
trouble connecting.
(Zoom meeting information below
and is the same for MOST church meetings)

- December 6th - 10:00 am - Conversation with the Stewardship Team
- 11:00 am - Pre-K-Gr 3 Sunday School
- 11:45 am - Grade 4/5 Sunday School
- 2:00 pm - Bible Study (Previous Thursday am Group)
- 6:00 pm - Confirmation
- December 7th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- December 8th - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- 7:00 pm - Discussion on the book "Dear Church"
- December 9th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- November 11th - Knitting Group
- December 13th - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- 11:00 am - Pre-K-Gr 3 Sunday School
- 11:45 am - Grade 4/5 Sunday School
- 2:00 pm - Bible Study (Previous Thursday am Group)
- 6:00 pm - Confirmation
- December 14th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- December 15th - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- December 16th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- December 17th - 11:00 am - Discussion on Race, Racism, and Antiracism.

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DECEMBER 17TH AT 11:00 AM – ZOOM MEETING TO DISCUSS RACE, RACISM, AND ANTIRACISM.

On our Dec. 17 meeting, Pastor Barbara Smith-Moran will give a talk about her experience as a volunteer and witness with the Canadian Truth & Reconciliation Commission in 2010, a first step in restorative justice for Canada's First Nations.

We are meeting every other Thursday at 11:00 AM for informal, unstructured discussion about books, ideas, and experiences touching on race, racism, and antiracism. Please join us.

If you do not receive a ZOOM invitation email prior to the meeting time, please contact Jan Nielsen at jrnielsen@charter.net or 978-549-3044. And, if you need help connecting to the ZOOM meeting, let Jan know; she will help you.

Jan Nielsen (978-549-3044)

Prior books about race which we read at St John's book club:

August 20, 2019, "Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving

August 4, 2020, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo

How to be an Antiracist" by Ibraim Kendie – some people are currently reading.